

Spotlight On

Air Force Master Sergeant John Lenon

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Lansing, Mich. native, Air Force Master Sergeant John K. Lenon is the superintendent of information management for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command Inspector Generals Office.

As the information manager, Lenon manages and provides daily oversight to all administrative programs. He also provides customer service to all 20 personnel assigned to the office, consisting of Air Force/Navy/Army and Canadian personnel. "I am responsible for keeping my shop current on all pertinent issues not only within NORAD and NORTHCOM, but throughout the Department of Defense," Lenon said.

As part of the inspector general team, Lenon is involved in evaluating the various NORAD and USNORTHCOM units and ensuring they are accomplishing their missions as effectively and efficiently as possible. This is a task Lenon takes seriously. "Knowing they are working proficiently, our country can be assured that we as a military are ready and able to respond to potential threats."

Lenon joined the Air Force in Feb. 1985 because he "wanted to put some direction and focus in his life."

He credits three recently retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeants — Earl Taylor III, Terry Fortune and Jerry Carney — for making a positive impact on his life. "They showed me it is important to have the respect of your peers and leaders and that you earn that respect based on your competence, character and word," Lenon said. "When you tell the boss, I got it, he or she needs to know that you do indeed got it. You only get that respect by a demonstrated ability to always get the job done."

But what motivates and inspires Lenon? "Well, you better get motivated when you put your uniform on everyday," he said. "Every time I hear the National Anthem sung, and I mean sung well, that inspires me and makes me proud to be an American and serving this great country."



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